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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

TERESA BAUGH, D.D.S. License No. DI 018336

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint alleging that the treatment of patient Y.O. by Teresa Baugh, D.D.S. ("respondent"), failed to conform to the standard of care for dental and/or orthodontic practice in the State of New Jersey. Specifically, Y.O. alleged that respondent extracted the two teeth and improperly placed orthodontic brackets. Y.O. further alleged that respondent misinformed her regarding the applicable insurance coverage for the treatment to be provided.

On April 19, 2000, respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry conducted by the Board. She was represented by Pamela Mandel, Esq. Respondent's sister, Carmen Baugh, Esq., also attended. Based on the record created, including respondent's testimony at the inquiry, the patient's letter of complaint, and patient health history records and charts as maintained by

respondent, it appears to the Board that respondent's treatment of Y.O. constitutes a deviation from generally accepted dental standards. Specifically, respondent failed to make an appropriate diagnosis of the patient's condition, and failed to treat the condition presented properly. These facts form the basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d).

It now appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and without this consent order constituting an admission and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 6th DAY OF February, 2002

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist from performing any and all orthodontic treatment until she completes not fewer that 200 hours of continuing education course pre-approved by the Board. These courses are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours needed for license renewal. Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of this Consent Order. A separate form is to be used for each course.
- 2 Following completion of the courses set forth in paragraph 1, respondent may resume treatment of orthodontic conditions limited to performance of orthodontic treatment on Class I patients.
- 3. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: fourteen (14) hours in diagnosis and treatment planning. The courses shall be completed within six (6) months of the entry of this Consent Order. Further, these courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of this Consent Order. A separate form is to be used for each course.

- 4. Respondent shall reimburse patient Y.O. the amount of \$535. That payment has been previously forwarded to the Board office.
- 5. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(b) in the amount of \$2,000.00 for repeated acts of negligence. Payment for the civil penalty shall be made in four (4) monthly installments of \$500, the first installment due on March 1, 2002 and the remaining three installments due on the first of April, May and June, 2002. Payments shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and forwarded to Kevin B. Earle, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.
- 6. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$343.10. Payment of the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board not later than February 1, 2002. Payment shall be sent to Kevin B. Earle, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #5 above.
- 7. Failure to remit any payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

8. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Teresa Baugh, D.D.S.

Date / 28 /02

I have read this order and consent to its entry as to form.

Pamela Mandel, Esq.

Date: 2002